

FOND FRIENDS.

A Characteristic Story Told by X. Biedler to a Circle of Admir- ing Listeners.

The Adventures His Friend Muggins Taylor Had While Trapping on the Yellowstone.

How Beavers Whose Lives Were Saved Still Remember Their Generous Preserver.

X. Biedler was talking to a party of friends yesterday and was in his best vein. "It is a fact," he said, "and can be proved by a number of persons, not only in Helena but all over the territory."

"What is it?" was asked by a new-comer. "I was tellin' a story about Muggins Taylor. Muggins was a trapper, as good as any one that ever baited a trap in Montana. Before Fort Custer was built, in 1877, the Big and the Little Horn was full of beaver, but since that summer when the soldiers, teamsters and mechanics commenced chopping logs and wood, rafting, running sawmills and engaging in other civilized pursuits the beaver dropped to the situation and left."

"But before civilization Muggins and I trapped on all the streams. He was then on the Yellowstone. I told him I thought the beaver would come to that stream leaving the places where they were then thick on account of the influx of inhabitants into their country. He agreed with me and said he would make a big catch if I would stick to him, and I agreed to do so. We went over to Fort Custer and traded two mules for an outfit superior to any a trapper had in that region. We had 300 traps and plenty of skinning knives—a good outfit all around. At Custer I helped him across the Big Horn, and as I had other business to attend to I left him. He went on to the Yellowstone and set his traps on the south side of the river."

"The next morning he examined his traps up and down the stream, but didn't have a beaver nor could he discover a sign. He waited a day, sharpened his knives intending to rest during the night and to visit his traps the next day and if he discovered no beaver would go some place else. That night he discovered the prairie and only saved himself by catching his outfit and taking refuge under a protecting bank of the stream. The fire was such a furious one that it leaped clear across the river and burnt the grass for miles on both sides of it."

"In the morning he crept out from under the bank where he had ensconced himself and the first thing that suggested itself was business, and started on a tour of inspection of his traps. He found that his first trap had a beaver fast, and looking up the river could see the water agitated in the vicinity of his traps. Of course he was agitated, for 300 beaver ain't to be picked up in a single night. Pulling up the first trap he found the beaver, but what was his surprise to find the animal did not have a single hair. His first impulse was to kill the animal, but after having released it he saw that besides having its fur scorched off its feet were burned, so he let the little fellow go. As it swam off it wagged its tail, as if to thank its captor for what he had done. Going to the other traps he found that each trap had a beaver, but there wasn't fur enough in the whole lot to make a Well-Fargo shotgun, so he let them all go, curing the fire for what it had done for him."

"He lay around until next spring and commenced trapping again, shrewdly thinking that the fur of the beavers would have grown again in that time. Well, he had splendid luck, catching from fifteen to twenty a night. But Muggins had learned a lesson. He wouldn't skin an animal, but just skinned them and let them go back into the water. He got an awful big pile of fur that spring and went back the next spring to resume operations. But he had no traps then. The beavers knew him, and when he walked along the river and whistled the old fellows would come prancing out of the water, creep up to him and lie down by his side, wait until he was clipped and jump back into the water waving a good-bye with their flat tails. "Muggins kept that up for three years, but had to quit the business on account of rheumatism. He went to Billings where he received an appointment as deputy sheriff. He served in that capacity for two years, when attempting to stop a row one day, he was killed. He was buried in a romantic little spot and the beavers built a fence around his grave. But they are not satisfied with that. Every year a pilgrimage is made to poor Muggins' tomb by the knowing little animals, who hold services for a night over the sacred spot, and then depart for their respective homes."

"Each beaver takes a green branch in his mouth and marches solemnly around the grave. I tell you, boys, when a beaver is a friend to a man it is a friend."

You can save 50 per cent at Fowles' Cash Store, 107 Broadway.

Miss Lizzie Benda Dead.

Miss Lizzie Benda, a sister of Mrs. H. C. Yaeger, of Helena, died at Fort Maginnis Friday from the effects of a paralytic stroke. Miss Benda fell from a horse at Boulder about a year ago, and it is supposed the injuries she received then were the cause of the paralysis. Mrs. Yaeger left Helena for Fort Maginnis Thursday, but did not reach her sister in time to see her alive. Miss Benda formerly resided in Helena, where she taught school, and where she made many warm friends who will be pained to learn of her death.

FANS—Large assortment of ladies fans, among them handsome party fans. RALEIGH & CLARKE.

Ladies' Aid Society.

The Ladies' Aid society, which has done a great deal of good in Helena for the past two years, is reported to be without funds. Some of our leading citizens will help to promote any scheme by which the society can raise money. If nothing can be done in this direction there are certainly those public spirited enough who will voluntarily contribute sufficient to keep the organization intact, for it has certainly in time past done too much good to allow it to go under.

Silk plushes only 60 cents per yard at Fowles' Cash Store.

Union Pacific Railway Company.

On and after May 1st, 1899, the second class fare from Helena to Missouri river points, via the Union Pacific railway, Council Bluffs, Omaha, St. Joseph, Leavenworth and Kansas City, will be \$25, a reduction of \$7.50. A. E. VRAZIE, Travel Agent, 28 N. Main street, Helena.

LINEN TOWELS—200 dozen linen towels, the largest and finest stock in Helena to select from. RALEIGH & CLARKE.

WILL BENEFIT HELENA.

A Trust Company Organized, With a Half Million Capital.

A trust company has been organized for Helena, with a capital stock of \$500,000. Joseph P. Reed and E. C. Crosby, while east last winter, broached the scheme to a number of Philadelphia capitalists, who immediately subscribed. One-fifth of the stock was reserved for Helena; the other \$400,000 being held in the Quaker city. The company will erect a building in Helena—site not yet located—which will cost in the neighborhood of \$150,000. The president will be a Helena man, the vice president and general manager will probably be from Philadelphia. The company will not do a banking business, but will have the safety deposit system of vaults, will act as administrators for guardians and heirs, will buy and sell bonds, and will probably guarantee titles; in short, anything that can be done by a company with a solid financial backing will be done. In the matter of buying and selling bonds, state county and municipal, the company expects to be active competitors of any moneyed organization. It is the purpose of the company to increase the capital stock as soon as legislative enactment empowering the same can be had. The law now limit such companies to the \$500,000 capital. The stockholders are among the wealthiest men in Philadelphia and Montana. Operations will soon be commenced.

LIGHT MUSLINS—Light muslins in bleached and unbleached; suitable for house linings; butter and cheese cloths. RALEIGH & CLARKE.

Hersfield Addition.

This new addition to the city, for which Wallace & Thornburgh are sole agents, is situated in the northern portion of the city. The property is splendidly located, being bounded on the north by the Catholic college grounds, on the south by the popular Flower Garden addition in which there are fourteen new buildings in process of construction including a new church building, and on the west by Montana avenue, the largest and finest avenue in the city. The present and contemplated improvements in the Flower Garden addition, the sure improvements to be made in the near future north and west of this addition make it one of the best additions in the city for investments. Lots are being sold rapidly, and the first purchasers are already being offered profits on their investments. Terms very reasonable. Prices low. Call early on Wallace & Thornburgh, sole agents, and secure a good investment.

W. A. LAROCK & THORNBURGH, Rooms 1, 2 and 3, second floor, First National Bank building, entrance corner Grand and Jackson streets.

For hosiery and gloves, way down, at Fowles' Cash Store.

Montana Central Sunday Excursions, Commencing Sunday April 21st, the Montana Central railroad will make a rate of one fare for the round trip from Helena to all points in the Missouri and Pickle River canons. The train leaves Helena at 11:35 a. m. arriving at Silver 12:10 p. m.; Mitchell, 12:37; Wolf Creek, 1:05; Craig, 1:31; Mid-Cannon, 1:58; Hardy, 2:30 and Cascade 2:15. On returning leave Cascade at 2:15 p. m.; Hardy, 2:30; Mid-Cannon, 2:49; Craig, 3:07; Wolf Creek, 3:10; Mitchell, 3:50; Silver, 4:17; arriving in Helena at 4:55 p. m.

The largest stock of fancy goods to be found in the west at Fowles' Cash Store.

Short Line for the East.

Take the Montana Central and Manitoba railways for St. Paul, Minneapolis and the east. This is the short line. Leave Helena at 11:35 a. m., arrive at St. Paul at 9:30 a. m. Only forty-five hours for the trip. Passengers going east can connect with morning train from Chicago, thereby giving a daylight run through Illinois, Michigan, Indiana and Ohio to their destination and a daylight arrival at many points in New York state.

WHITE APRONS—Large stock of white aprons, plain and embroidered, ladies' and children's. RALEIGH & CLARKE.

Republican Committee Meeting.

The republican county central committee held a meeting last night in the office of C. F. Ellis & Co. The subject of apportioning delegates in this county for the conventions to nominate candidates for members of the constitutional convention and other matters of importance to the party were considered. Members of the committee claim that the republicans are better organized now than they ever were before.

Turkish ties, all colors, only 5 cents each, at Fowles' Cash Store.

To Straighten Sixth Avenue.

At the next meeting of the city council Alderman Loeb will bring up the matter of straightening Sixth avenue, near Edwards street. By condemning a triangular piece of ground on one side of the street the avenue could be straightened so as to add a great deal to its attractiveness. It is understood that the property holders on the avenue favor the plan.

TABLE LINENS—White and colored. Table linens every grade. RALEIGH & CLARKE.

At the Bon Ton.

The French Market in New Orleans, in its palmy days, never displayed such an assortment of viands as grace the tables of the Bon Ton. Billy Mellen, a prince of caterers, never misses an opportunity to add to the variety which he constantly has in store to delight the palates of his patrons. To-day he sets one of his finest spring dinners—a treat to any gourmand.

A few pieces more of hemstitched flouncing at Fowles' Cash Store.

Montana Avenue.

Forty acres and charming house, mile from city limits, if sold to day, \$2,750. No brokers. Owner, room 1, Granite block.

Ladies silk vests, only \$1.45, at Fowles' Cash Store.

Just Received.

By Miss Stevens, an elegant assortment of spring hats, which will be sold at astonishingly low figures.

Probably Took Poison.

Andrew Ferguson is lying at the poor farm in a critical condition. He was arrested Saturday night and taken to jail under the supposition that he was drunk. When the jailer made his rounds yesterday morning he discovered that Ferguson showed no signs of consciousness and summoned the city physician, who could not move the man from his stupor, and who ordered him taken to the poor farm. The supposition is that Ferguson took mor-

phine. He had been drinking heavily of late on account of his wife having left him. He was well known in the city and was employed laying sewer pipe.

HELENA IN BRIEF.

G. W. Jackson, music dealer. Dinner from 12 to 5 at the Bon Ton. James W. Barker, merchant tailor, No. 15 North Main street.

E. R. E. Carpenter's dental rooms, room 30, Pittsburg block. Take the elevator. Go east via the Montana Central and Manitoba railways, the new sleeping and dining car route to St. Paul and the east. Through trains leave Helena daily at 11:35 a. m.

Died.

LISSNER—In Helena, April 19, Morris, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Lissner, aged 9 months and 7 days. The funeral will be held to day at 2:30 p. m., from No. 215 Bridge street.

A. O. U. W.

MEETS REGULARLY EVERY MONDAY evening at 7 o'clock at their hall over Parson's drug store. Sojourning brethren are cordially invited to attend. S. A. D. HAIN, Recorder. WM. ZASTROW, W. M.

SPECIAL SALE!

This Week at

The Bee Hive

Ansonia Alarm Clocks, \$1.25. Gents' Balbriggan Underwear, \$1.00 per suit. Ladies' fast Black Lisle Hose 50c, reduced from 75c. 55-piece Decorated English Tea Set, \$6.50. 112-piece Decorated English Dinner Set, \$14.50. Bissell Carpet Sweepers, \$2.10. Bargains in every department at

The Bee Hive

KOHLBERG & CO., 5 N. Main St.

WANT COLUMN.

For Sale.

THOMAS E. GOODWIN. Real Estate and Loans. Rooms 3, 4, and 5, Hotel Block.

\$1100—Fine warehouse lot on Northern Pacific right of way, 30 feet front. A good chance for a profitable investment.

\$2500—Fine corner on Rodney street, 70 feet front.

\$1100—Corner lot on Sixth avenue.

\$1500—Desirable building lot, 33 feet front close to Rodney street.

\$1600—FOR a 34-foot front lot only one block from South Main street.

\$6000—FOR a nice business lot on Rodney street. A bargain, which will be offered for a few days only at this figure.

\$600—A very nice lot only two blocks from Broadway, fronting north. Only one-third cash, balance six and twelve months.

A FEW choice lots in Flower Garden addition.

BARGAIN in 106 feet on Fifth avenue.

\$500—FOR a nice 1 1/2, 4x140 feet, near Rodney street.

\$1800—FOR 100 feet in Cannon addition. These lots are very near the ground that is held at \$25 and \$30 per foot.

\$1200—FOR 100 feet in Ming addition. Easy terms and a decided bargain.

THOMAS E. GOODWIN, Rooms 3, 4, and 5, Hotel Block.

WITHERBEE & HUNTER, REAL ESTATE AGENTS.

HAVE always on hand decided bargains in all of the additions to and around the city of Helena.

BARGAINS in acre property.

BARGAINS in ranch property.

FIRST mortgage loans.

NOTHING but fair dealing and clean transactions.

NO catch penny snags offered.

INVESTORS will always find good bargains on our list when ready to invest.

ANY and all information given freely and cheerfully, irrespective of any idea of making a sale.

CALL upon us at our offices. We welcome all.

PRINTED matter relating to Montana always in our offices, ready to send to your friends.

WITHERBEE & HUNTER, Rooms 3, 4, and 5, Gold Block, Helena, Mont.

PORTER, MUTH & COX. OFFER:

CHOICE lots in Syndicate, Brooke, Ames and Bellevue additions at very low prices.

ONE choice block in Syndicate addition, one block from motor line, at a bargain.

SEVERAL desirable houses cheap.

A bargain in acre property adjoining Grand Avenue addition.

\$200 BUYS a choice residence lot.

FOR SALE—Saddle horse, perfectly gentle, with or without side-saddle. Enquire of Bowman Bros., Clove street.

FOR SALE—On easy terms, six-room brick house, in perfect order. Cabin and barn on rear of lot. Corner Dearborn avenue and Hauser street. Enquire of Dr. E. R. E. Carpenter, room 30, Pittsburg block. Take the elevator.

FOR SALE—A few hundred thousand best building brick in the territory, at Hill's brick yard, Clancy, Montana.

FOR SALE—Fine chickens, Plymouth rocks and Wyandotte cocks. Eggs for setting. 605 N. Rodney street.

For Sale.

TWO BE SOLD at auction for cash on Friday, May 17, at 2 o'clock, p. m., at Clancy, Montana, one complete Diamond Drilling outfit, little used, and in perfect order. For particulars and description apply to or address H. M. Hill, Clancy, Montana, where machine can be seen.

FINE black soil for sale. Leave orders at Moore Morris store, or address Emil Kluge.

FOR SALE—Fresh family cow. Inquire 400 Benton avenue.

RANCH for sale or to exchange for city realty. Address A. B., Independent.

FOR SALE—One saw mill \$30, one shingle machine \$150. Apply to G. O. Yergy.

FOR SALE—Man Mining stock, 500 shares for sale. Enquire at this office.

FOR SALE—Two adjacent lots in Grand Avenue addition, on corner, 100x150 feet, for \$1,500. Enquire of Belle Crafton.

HOUSE and lots for sale. A Brick House of eight rooms, corner of Rodney and Bridge streets, 13x26 feet, 16 fine shade trees, also 50 feet adjoining same fronting on Bridge street; also 60 feet on Rodney street, 100x150 feet, and 50 feet deep. Opposite N. W. residence of A. G. Gates. R. P. STOUT, Agent, 102 South Rodney street.

FOR SALE—Sitings of pure Leghorns. Apply to the day Cattle, Bon Ton Restaurant.

FOR SALE—On reasonable terms, American House, at Marysville, Mont. Apply on premises.

For Rent—Dwellings, Business Places, Etc.

FOR RENT—Two small brick stores, just finished, on Bridge street, near Main street. Enquire of Dr. E. R. E. Carpenter, room 30, Pittsburg block. Take the elevator.

FOR RENT—A seven room house. Apply at Calkins & Featherly's.

FOR RENT—Storerooms in Pean block, also storerooms and offices in Pittsburg block, inquire of John W. Thompson, room 12, Pittsburg block.

FOR RENT—Large light basement. Inquire No. 19 Park avenue.

FOR RENT—From May 1, a six room well furnished house. Inquire at 418 Seventh avenue.

Rooms—Furnished and Unfurnished.

FURNISHED or unfurnished rooms, two blocks from court house, 424 Broadway.

TWO unfurnished rooms suitable for house keeping at 1022 Eighth avenue. On the motor line.

FURNISHED ROOMS—Two large front rooms, 321 Park street, with or without board, hot and cold water baths.

FOR RENT—Three pleasant rooms for light housekeeping, 417, cor. Eleventh avenue and Rodney street.

FOR RENT—A nicely furnished room. Enquire at 506 Sixth avenue.

GOVERN HOUSE, corner Rodney and Fifth avenue. Nice new furnished rooms by the day, week or month.

FOR RENT—A suite of front rooms, well furnished, 217 Eighth avenue, near Porter flat.

THE PACIFIC or Lenox House—Steam heat, elegant rooms; 50, 75, \$1, \$1.50 per day.

HARVEY HOUSE, Grand street, new and elegantly furnished rooms, single or in suite.

Situations Offered.

CHANDLER wants one ranchman, one miner, one cook, water girls for Marysville, Corbu, Wickes and Ramsey at \$25 to \$30 a month, two laundry girls at \$24 per month, ten girls for housework, \$30 a month.

WANTED—Waiter, Finisher, at Madam's Hedges, 303 North Rodney.

WANTED—A strong, steady girl to go on a ranch seven miles from town. Age from 20 to 25. Wages \$5. General housework. Call at 718 Broadway.

OVERSEER wanted everywhere at home or to travel. We wish to employ a reliable person in your county to take up advertisements and show cards of select goods. Advertisements to be taken up everywhere, on trees, fences and in conspicuous places, in town and country in all parts of the United States and Canada. Steady employment, wages \$2.50 per day; expenses advanced; no traveling required. Local work for all part of the time. Address with stamp, Elmer C. Mangrove, 241 Vine street, Cincinnati, O. No attention paid to postal cards.

WANTED—A first-class United States Engineer, steamboat engineer. N. H. Miller, Helena, M. T.

FIRST CLASS Carriage Painter. Enquire of A. W. Calkins.

Situations Wanted.

Advertisements under this head will be inserted three times free of charge.

WANTED—A situation by a sober, industrious young man. Best of reference given. Address C. F., this office.

WANTED—A first-class teamster wants a situation. Address O. M., this office.

WANTED—Will pay any person \$25 out of the first month's salary for a position as cashier or bookkeeper. Address Arcade, this office.

SITUATION WANTED—By a young man from the east, some place where hotel-keeping and fidelity will be appreciated. Address 1474 North Warren street, room 30.

COOK wants mining boarding house to run, or as salaried as cook. Address H. E. Tueller, Helena, Montana.

WANTED—Situation taking care of horses in private family and by day or night. Address C. Carlow, box 608, city.

WANTED—By an experienced miner and prospector a partner to grubstake him to prospect in Millerton district. Address Robert W. Hugo, Granite, Montana.

SITUATION—A lady who has good experience in hotel and boarding house work desires to leave Helena. Address O., this office.

WANTED—By a young married man who thoroughly understands bookkeeping, situation as clerk or bookkeeper. H. W., this office.

WANTED—Work of any kind by a young man who has had experience in real estate office. Address D. G., this office.

WANTED—Situation as chambermaid or light house work. Address S. J. B., this office.

Lost and Found.

WANTED—Returned to the Post Office a box containing fresh flowers sent from San Diego, Cal., and oblige Miss Maggie Connell.

LOST—Two checks drawn by the El Metallico company, of Granite, on the First National Bank of Helena. Return to J. F. Fox, Granite, Montana.

LOST—A bunch of keys; return to this office.

FOUND—A pocketbook. Apply at this office.

Miscellaneous.

H. H. THALE is prepared to move safes that weigh 2,000 pounds or less for \$1 each. Call at L. L. Israel's store.

NOTICE is hereby given by the undersigned for bids for a contract to excavate water ditch 400 feet in length and two feet in width on 2nd and 3rd streets at bottom and 5th feet deep. For particulars apply to James Johnson and Henry Day, Helena. New Water Company, Helena, April 19, 1899.

WANTED—Clean, cotton rags, for wiping, at INDEPENDENT press room.

MONEY to loan on Chattel Mortgage security by J. M. Johnson at

LOCKEY'S OFFICE.

WANTED TO RENT—About May 1, a house of six or seven rooms, located near business center. Address M., Independent office.

MONEY TO LOAN upon Helena real estate by Edward C. Russell, room 5, Thompson block.

KNOX HATS

Spring Styles.

NOW IN STOCK.

New Neckwear,

Faultless Night Robes,

Lyons Umbrellas and Canes.

Miners' Goods, Etc., Etc.

BOSS OF MONTANA RUBBER COAT.

Positively the Best Made, Patent Cuff, Snap Fastened, Sewed and Cemented Seams.

Hydraulic Hose and Nozzles.

"Gold Medal Crack Proof and Snag Proof Rubber Boots.

Waiter and Bar Jackets, Carpenters' and Waiters' Aprons.

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PORTER, MUTH & COX, Agents.

R. W. NEILL,

MANUFACTURER AND DEALER IN

Stock Saddles, Side Saddles,

Light and Heavy Harness,

Bits, Spurs, Quirts, Whips, Lashes, Blankets, Sheets, Dust-rs, Silekers, Nose Bags, Sweet Collars, Horse Boots and all other goods usually kept in a first-class harness store. Hand made driving harness a specialty.

Opposite Grand Central Hotel, Main St., Helena, M. T.

CUSTOM MADE SHOES